pertaining to permission for closure should be made applicable to all establishments employing 300 or more workers.

Based on the above recommendation of 2nd National Commission on Labour, this issue was discussed at different tripartite fora. No consensus, however, was, arrived at in this regard.

(d) Government of India has not made any such assessment.

Unregistered job bureaus in Delhi

†977. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi High Court has expressed concern over job bureaus operating unabated and without registration in Delhi, under the garb of which the trade of illegal trafficking of village girls, forcing them into prostitution, is flourishing;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken by Government to check such job bureaus; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) No, Sir. The Directorate of Employment and Labour Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi are not aware of any such case.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Target of NABARD through SHGs

†978. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a target for NABARD is fixed annually, with a view to provide benefits to the people in rural areas through Self Help Groups (S.H.Gs);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the State-wise details of the achievements made by the NABARD, so far; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have decided to entrust responsibility to nationalised commercial banks and rural regional banks, like NABARD, for setting up Self Help Groups (S.H.Gs)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir. The target for NABARD is fixed annually for linking Self Help Groups with bank credit.

(b) The annual indicative target for SHG credit linkage by banks as announced in the Union Budget for the three years ending 2006-07 are as under.

(i) **2004-2005** - An indicative target of credit linking 5.85 lakh SHGs was set for the period upto 31st March, 2007 *i.e.* 2004-2005 to 2006-2007. However, for the year 2004-2005, a target of 1.85 lakh SHGs was finalized by NABARD in consultation with Indian Bank Association.

(ii) **2005-2006** - A target of 2.50 lakh was fixed in the Union Budget. This was further enhanced to 3.00 lakh.

(iii) **2006-2007** - 3.85 lakh SHGs are to be credit linked during the current year.

The State-wise details of SHGs credit linked by the banking sector are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) NABARD had launched a Pilot Project of SHG-Banking Linkage Programme in 1991-1992 with the objective of linking 500 SHGs to banks. Encouraged by the results of the pilot phase, the Reserve Bank of India mainstreamed the SHG-Bank Linkage Programme with the formal banking sector. The SHG-Bank Linkage Programme has gained momentum from 1998 onwards and has been growing steadily. As on 31st March, 2006, the banks have cumulatively credit linked 2.24 million SHGs covering 32.98 million households.

NABARD has been playing the role of a facilitator in scaling up the SHG-Bank Linkage Programme through formation and nurturing of SHGs, involving all possible partners in the arena, *viz.*, NGOs/VAs/IRV/Banks as SHPIs. The credit linkage of SHGs is being carried out through Commercial Banks, Regional Rural Banks and Cooperative Banks.

Statement

Statewise details of SHGs credit linked by NABARD for three years (2003-04 to 2005-06)

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Region/State	2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		Cumulative	
		New SHGs Provided with bank loan during the year	Bank Loan disbursed duringn the year	New SHGs provided with bank loan during the year	Bank Loan disbursed during the year	New SHGs provided with bank loan during the year	Bank loan disbursed during the year	No. of SHGs provided with bank loan as on 31 March 2006	Cumulative bank loan as on 31 March 2006
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
A	**Northern Region**								
1	Himachal Pradesh	4,353	1443.15	4,570	2,499.81	5,122	2,989.59	22,920	8639.84
2	Rajasthan	11,104	2,711.82	26,160	6,803.03	38,165	10,338.98	98,171	24479.43
3	Haryana	820	769.86	1,007	541.97	1,516	1,153.88	4,867	3160.16
4	Punjab	806	429.65	1,443	628.04	1,470	930.96	4,561	2388.66
5	Jammu & Kashmir	352	116.17	407	204.24	707	438.98	2,354	1004.82
6	New Delhli	38	52.25	35	38.93	99	54.44	224	185.85
	SUB-TOTAL	17,473	5,522.90	33,622	10,716.02	47,079	15,906.83	133,097	39858.76
B	**North-Eastern Region**								
7	Assam	7,229	1,230.95	20,528	7,732.24	25,215	4,821.71	56,449	14239.89
8	Meghalaya	15	4.90	55	14.98	486	84.10	735	161.88
9	Tripura	746	42.32	665	138.64	481	120.46	1,996	311.18
10	Sikkim	8	2.67	10	4.15	85	5.05	127	18.49
11	Manipur	63	11.20	571	241.65	672	417.53	1,468	718.44

12	Nagaland	9	23.06	70	18.13	328	296.94	422	343.93
13	Arunachal Pradesh	117	78.29	55	21.39	66	15.18	346	134.82
14	Mizoram	22	24.85	6	3.49	946	613.00	974	641.34
	SUB-TOTAL :	8,209	1,418.24	21,960	8,174.67	28,279	6,373.97	62,517	16569.97
C	**Eastern Region**								
15	Orissa	35,316	7,644.34	45,668	12,431.14	57,640	22,367.11	180,896	47546.60
16	Bihar	8,085	1,867.28	11,769	3,742.26	18,206	3,703.36	46,221	10521.91
17	Jharkhand	4,882	1,481.04	8,884	2,998.00	9,288	3,998.74	30,819	11146.08
18	West Bengal	19,038	2,999.63	41,013	6,581.99	43,553	11,617.54	136,251	24245.21
19	UT of A & N Islands	23	15.16	57	26.40	36	24.69	164	82.24
	SUB-TOTAL :	67,344	14,007.45	107,391	25,779.79	128,723	41,711.44	394,351	93542.04
D	**Central Region**								
20	Madhya Pradesh	11,824	2,928.73	18,010	5,104.49	12,020	5,560.95	57,125	16668.70
21	Chhatisgarh	3,033	251.73	8,773	929.65	12,722	1,658.57	31,291	3378.16
22	Uttar Pradesh	25,514	8,417.87	40,438	14,393.64	42,263	19,977.47	161,911	51535.38
23	Uttaranchal	5,055	1,559.60	3,135	2,085.37	3,545	3,158.10	17,588	8918.61
	SUB-TOTAL :	45,426	13,157.93	70,356	22,513.15	70,550	30,355.09	267,915	80500.85
E	**Western Region**								
24	Gujarat	2,099	937.79	8,738	4,319.44	9,448	5,580.65	34,160	12445.08
25	Maharashtra	10,470	4,390.78	32,611	10,980.12	60,324	17,175.63	131,470	39516.76
26	Goa	66	68.34	102	120.08	216	249.94	624	552.11
	SUB-TOTAL :	12,635	5,396.91	41,451	15,419.64	69,988	23,006.22	166,254	52513.95
F	**Southern Region**								
27	Andhra Pradesh	104,238	75,299.23	107,351	101,771.37	94,311	159,942.52	587,238	434,551.79
28	Karnataka	41,688	13,960.37	59,332	26,653.53	61,730	44,260.02	224,928	99,275.30
29	Kerala	12,716	5,841.85	27,081	12,664.73	26,179	23,259.53	86,988	48,214.81
30	Tamil Nadu	51,851	50,590.96	70,437	74,647.46	92,080	1,03,428.70	3,12,778	2,71,218.68
31	UT of Pondicherry	151	357.29	384	1,084.98	1,190	1,664.30	2,499	3,508.62
	SUB-TOTAL :	210,644	146,049.70	264,585	216,822.07	275,490	332,555.07	1,214,431	856,769.21
	GRAND TOTAL :	361,731,	185,553,13	5,39,365	2,99,425.34	620,109	4,49,908.62	2,238,565	11,39,754.77